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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE RATIFIES COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY

1. Mozambique ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CNTBT) on November 4, 2008, becoming the 146th country to do so. According to the treaty, Mozambique cannot carry out any tests involving the explosion of nuclear weapons or any type of nuclear explosions; it is obligated to avoid such explosions in any place under its jurisdiction or control; and it must not encourage other nations to carry out nuclear explosions.

 $\underline{\P}2$ . Mozambique signed the CNTBT on September 26, 1996, the day it opened for signature. On March 26, 2008, Mozambique ratified the Treaty of Pelindaba which creates a nuclear weapon free zone treaty in Africa and prohibits the testing, development and stationing of nuclear weapons in a member,s territory.

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